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**Introduced by Senator DeSaulnier**

December 3, 2012

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2—Relative to a constitutional convention.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 2, as introduced, DeSaulnier. Constitutional convention.

Under the California Constitution, the Legislature by rollcall vote entered in the journal, two-thirds of the membership of each house concurring, may submit at a general election the question whether to call a convention to revise the Constitution. If the majority vote yes on that question, within 6 months the Legislature is required to provide for the convention.

This measure would propose that the people of the State of California vote at the next statewide general election on the question of whether to call a convention to revise the California Constitution.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1     WHEREAS, Section 2 of Article XVIII of the California  
2     Constitution provides that the Legislature by rollcall vote entered  
3     in the journal, two-thirds of the membership of each house  
4     concurring, may submit at a general election the question of  
5     whether to call a convention to revise the Constitution; and  
6     WHEREAS, Section 2 of Article XVIII of the California  
7     Constitution further provides that if a majority votes yes on the  
8     question of whether to call a convention to revise the Constitution,  
9     the Legislature shall provide for a convention within six months;  
10    and

1 WHEREAS, Section 2 of Article XVIII of the California  
2 Constitution further provides that delegates to a constitutional  
3 convention shall be voters elected from districts as nearly equal  
4 in population as may be practicable; now, therefore, be it

5 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
6 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature of the State of California  
7 at its 2013–14 Regular Session commencing on the third day of  
8 December 2012, two-thirds of the membership of each house  
9 concurring, hereby proposes that the people of the State of  
10 California vote at the next statewide general election on the  
11 question of whether to call a convention to revise the California  
12 Constitution to provide for the effective and efficient delivery of  
13 public services, subject to all of the following:

14 (a) Pursuant to Section 2 of Article XVIII of the California  
15 Constitution, the question of whether to call a convention to revise  
16 the California Constitution shall be submitted to the voters at the  
17 next statewide general election, and if the majority vote yes on  
18 that question, within six months the Legislature shall provide for  
19 the convention.

20 (b) The Secretary of State shall submit the question of whether  
21 to call a convention to revise the California Constitution to the  
22 voters as the Secretary of State would submit any other proposition  
23 by the Legislature that is submitted to a popular vote at a statewide  
24 general election; and be it further

25 *Resolved*, That the Legislature of the State of California at its  
26 2013–14 Regular Session commencing on the third day of  
27 December 2012, two-thirds of the membership of each house  
28 concurring, hereby submits at the next statewide general election  
29 after passage of this measure a question asking whether voters are  
30 for or against the calling of a convention for the purpose of revising  
31 the Constitution of the State; and be it further

32 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
33 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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